

The Knightly News

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Monthly Newsletter

November 2019

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

NO COUNCIL MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov 5th – Election Day

Wednesday, Nov 6th – Officer's Meeting, 7:30 PM Council Home

Sat/Sun, Nov 9th/10th – Solicitation for Coats for Kids, KCIC Card Sales

Queen of Apostles ALL MASSES

Monday, Nov 11th – VETERANS' DAY

Tuesday, Nov 12th - Serving those in need at CHRIST HOUSE

Wednesday, Nov 13th - **Remembrance Mass, 7:00 PM @ Queen of Apostles**

Saturday, Nov 16th – 9:00 AM Pray the Rosary – 5999 Stevenson Ave. Alexandria

Thursday, Nov 28th – Thanksgiving Day – Give Praise and Thanks!

Friday, Nov 29th – Visit the Veterans in Martinsburg WV

Grand Knight's Message

My brothers in Christ, the holidays are fast approaching upon us, and so are our responsibilities to our community and parish. Last year, I shared an experience with Past Grand Knight Roger Williams shopping at Giant food for "Christmas Baskets." I am hoping that I will share in this experience once again this year. It is a beautiful thing for our council to choose to feed several households. The membership should be very proud of their interest and willingness to feed the needy members of our community. I thank you Council 4522, Casey Club, and the Foundation for the choices you have made.

Today, I had the honor of meeting with our Pastor and Chaplain, Fr. Juan. He confirmed the Remembrance Mass for Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend this service with your partner. Please consider bringing your family. He also acknowledged his participation at the Corporate Communion and Rosary for December 29, 2019 at noon Mass. We discussed the Couples Holy Hour scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2020. After the holy hour, wine, cheese, and crackers will be served in the vestibule. Fr. Juan asked that we include him in our prayers.

I am proud to inform you that about seven to eight Brother Knights came out on October 24th to support a Queen of Apostles school event. The brothers used the newly purchased grill to grill hamburgers and hot dogs

for the fundraising/QofA community event. The council was well represented.

May I use this opportunity to remind you of the scheduled Christmas potluck dinner on Saturday, December 14, 2019. Please sign up to bring a dish to share. Remember to bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friend's children, or others. The dinner will start at 6:30 pm. The famous egg nog will be made available by a very Worthy brother and his wife. He has assured me that this year's egg nog will be even more special. Come and fraternize with your fellow brother Knights, and family.

I will be remiss if I don't inform you that the Worthy State Deputy, Bob Szerszynski, had knee surgery earlier today. His wife has reported that the surgery went well, and he should be released to go home in 10 days. Please join me to wish him a speedy recovery.

Please don't forget the Officers' and directors' meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7:30 pm. The November business/membership meeting will not be held due to the Remembrance Mass on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. I look forward to seeing you at the Mass.

And finally, but certainly not least, I pray that this Thanksgiving Day will provide you a cornucopia of reasons to give thanks. May the Lord bless you and your families today, tomorrow, and every day! Be sure to give

thanks for everything the Lord has provided and spread love, encouragement, and faith with all those we encounter. Be safe in your travels and patient in the Black Friday crowds! 😊

Fraternally,

Patrick Okoronkwo
Grand Knight

This month's challenge from

The Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

This month I challenge you to kneel before a crucifix each morning and ask Christ to give you the gift of humility. I also challenge you, in this month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to pray the rosary (either as a council through the Faith in Action Rosary program or as an individual) for an increase in humility.

Knight of the Month

The October Knight of the Month is one of our newest Knights, and already a 2nd Degree Knight, Brother Tom Tennant. Brother Tom is retired USMC. He and his wife, Deirdre, have three children at Queen of Apostles School, where Tom is the Past President of the PTA. Brother Tom joined the Order online back in April, but took the 1st Degree and became a member of PJP11 4522 on Sept 10th, then just one month later took the 2nd Degree! Tom stepped "up to the grill" first chance he got as a new Knight, manning the 4522 grill for the QofA School's Fall Festival! The Council is proud to recognize Tom as our Knight of the Month and looks forward to having Tom as an active participant in the Council's future activities.

Family of the Month

The Fanning family is recognized as the Council's Family of the Month for October. Brother Mike has been a Knight for over five years. He is a regular usher and supports his family and the parish throughout the year. His wife, Carolyn, is widely involved throughout parish ministries, such as the music ministry and altar servers. She serves as a wedding coordinator, served on the principal search committee and the capital campaign. Son, Gregory, is a past Council 4522 Young Man of the Year awardee. Together, the Fannings represent all the Knights, the parish and the community could ask for in an outstanding Catholic family. Congratulations to the Family of the Month, the Fannings!

Annual Council Assessment (Dues) Upcoming!!

Just a quick note to remind you now that the 2020 Council Assessment (\$55 for full members) will be coming due in Mid-January 2020! *Unlike in the past*, if you have an email address on file, you will only get an email assessment notice—you will not get a paper "bill." Emailing the assessments will continue to save the

Council more money in postage and supplies. You are strongly encouraged to validate your current email OR send us a new/latest email to the Financial Secretary, Roger Williams, at jpii4522@gmail.com as soon as possible.



Notices, by Order guidance, are not allowed to be sent to members before December 15th, so look for your notifications sometime soon thereafter and be ready to remit your dues immediately. Each year, we spend an enormous amount of time and effort tracking down tardy payments. Time and resources would be much better spent on spreading the Lord's Word and performing acts of mercy. And remember, whether you pay or not—the Council still must pay your share to both the Virginia State Council, Supreme, and Right to Life activities. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation!!

The theme for November is "Real Life Stories."

A field agent like me who is lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years undoubtedly has a personal story of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our Venerable founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how I can help my brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship. Let me share a story with you.

When Julius was seven years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7-year-old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three-hour commute to his job, but always supported his children's activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football, and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he "was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn't the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot."

Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later, and he is married, has a wife and two children. He's done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career, and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships

of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him. For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300-pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was "Boomer"...Boomer Esiason—a four time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player, and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

"Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love," Boomer says. "Remember, if something happens and you haven't done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes." That story comes from LifeHappens.org.

Let's sit down and do some planning and put your mind at ease.

Vivat Jesus!
Field Agent,
Dan Garrigan

Annandale Fall Festival Parade



It wouldn't be autumn without the Annandale Fall Festival Parade, and it wouldn't be a parade without the Sir Knights of Father Malloy Assembly 1894's Color Corps** carrying the colors and leading the parade!

Council 4522 was represented by SK Roger Williams, FS, PGK (far right) and SK Carroll Glass, 3-Yr Trustee, DW15, FA, PGK, PFN. Joining them were SK Randy Bordelon, PGK, FN (carrying the US Flag) and SK Tom White, Faithful Purser (far left). Always proud to accompany the Flag of our amazing country (also the Vatican's) and exhibit our Catholicism.

**** Please remember** – Any Sir Knight can now participate in parades, etc. without the Official Dress Uniform. While you will not be allowed to carry flags or swords and will be positioned behind those with Official Dress Uniforms, you still can be included. To be included, you must wear specifically the following:

- Dark Suit (black, blue or dark grey)
- Plain White Shirt (No wing tip collars or button-down collars)
- Plain dark necktie
- Black Footwear
- Black Socks
- Social Baldric (worn under the coat, from right shoulder to left hip. – You received that at your 4th Degree Confirmation)
- Lapel Pin (Official Fourth Degree Pin item PG-113 – You received that at your 4th Degree Confirmation)
- Name Badge (You received that from the Assembly)

Please contact Carroll Glass, PGK, PFN at cdglass@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Pope John Paul II November "Lesson"

November is traditionally the winding down of the Church year. We turn our thoughts as a people of faith toward the end of the year, the end of our lives, and in fact the end of time itself. In November we find the All Saints, All Souls, and Christ the King celebrations. Each of these focuses in a different way on our final destination, which is not in this world but the next.

Saint John Paul II was ordained a priest on All Saints' Day, 1946 in Krakow, Poland, having spent almost his entire seminary training undercover during the Nazi occupation. On All Saints' Day of the year 2000, he reminded the faithful that we are "journeying here below with our hearts turned upwards, towards our heavenly Father's House" reminding us again of our true final destination as we reflect on the end of our Church year journey.



On All Souls' Day 1997, Saint John Paul II reminded us that the Church encourages "cemetery visits, the care of graves and prayers of suffrage as a witness of confident hope, amid the sorrow of being separated from one's loved ones." This is because death is not the last word on human fate.

The feast of Christ the King is the ultimate reminder that our destination is not of this world. Saint John Paul II reminds us of the dialogue between Christ and Pilate. Jesus responds to Pilate's question as to whether or not he is a king by saying unequivocally he is a King, but that his Kingdom is not of this world. He reminds us that Christ claim to royalty extends beyond mere geographical political power. It is this Kingdom to which we all aspire, and to which we turn our eye hopefully during the twilight of our liturgical year.

Wreaths Across America

PGK from St. Anthony Council, George Vogen, has for several years worked with Arlington National Cemetery to have a truck available to give out wreaths for participants in Wreaths Across America. This event provides hundreds the opportunity to lay wreaths at soldiers' graves to honor their memory and sacrifice at Christmas time. This year, it will be held on December 14, 2019.

Our District 15 Deputy John Knox would like to make this a District-wide event. **ALL crew members must individually register via the Google form linked below by Saturday, November 16.** Late registration will not be allowed! The information is required by Fort Myer and Arlington National Cemetery Security. If you don't register at this site, you will not be permitted on base or grounds for early entrance. It is also critical in determining how many entrance bracelets will be needed.

Truck Crew Registration Form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1a6fWYQx_C_xCCjym_u1BQ5HsYeA3OlvJ7dPb6vyXm6KE/viewform?edit_requested=true

If you have any questions, please email awpvols@wreathscrossamerica.org. IF you do sign up, please contact District 15 Warden, Carroll Glass, PGK at cdglass@gmail.com to let him know you have done so—so the District can coordinate our District's participation.

Knights in Action (again)



Your Knights of Pope John Paul II were in full action at the Queen of Apostles' Ministry Fair on September 22nd. Several Council Knights cooked over 400 hot dogs and served

six cases of water—in just less than three hours. We “fed the masses!” While a contingent of Knights was serving up dogs, several others were inside selling Keep Christ in Christmas cards, soliciting donations for Coats for Kids, and reaching out to fine Catholic gentlemen to join our ranks during a Membership Drive. All in all, it was a great day for the Knights and the parish! Vivat Jesus!!

Election Day



Tuesday, November 5th! Be sure to get out and vote! We cannot stand idly by, especially complaining about our politicians, if every one of us does not get out and exercise our constitutional right to vote!

Here is a useful resource website/document for your consideration: <https://vacatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VCC-Faithful-Citizenship-VA-Issues-Resource-2019.pdf>

Are you a federal retiree?

Did you know that as a federal retiree, you can now contribute to your favorite charity through the Combined Federal Campaign—just as you did while working? And how wonderful would it be if you selected, KOVAR, as one of those charities? KOVAR's CFC number is 42569. For more information, please visit: <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome>. You can make your donations through January 12, 2020.



Head's Up – December Calendar Alert

Get your crockpots warmed up, the casserole recipes out, and get prepared for this year's Christmas Pot Luck Dinner to be held at the **Council Home at 6:30 PM on Saturday, December 14th**. We'll gather with families, friends, old and young for an evening of unity, fraternity, and great food and refreshments. Please contact WDGK Patrick Okoronkwo at pokor22@gmail.com or at (734) 431-1275 for more details. He needs to coordinate what you are bringing and how much you can help out—pre or post-dinner! Put it on your calendar now!!



Annual Soccer Challenge – GOAL Attained!



Pope John Paul II and Monsignor Scannell Council youth athletes and Brother Knights put their heart and “soles” into the Annual Soccer Free Kick competition—this year, held on Sunday,

September 29 on the St. Michael's School's home turf. The District competition followed immediately after the joint Council sessions were completed. This year, Council 4522 sends forth *Jesse Kasenge* (Age 13, Boys); *Sophia Kasenge* (Age 10, Girls) and *Kevin Encinas* (Age 9, Boys) to represent not only our Council but also District 15, as the District winner of his age

group in the State Competition! Congratulations and Good Luck!!

Congratulations to these young athletes, as well! Special thanks to our Community Programs Director, Vincent Guevara, for his outstanding leadership and enthusiasm throughout the competition. Thanks to all for making another Soccer Challenge a great success!



From Knightline

Pro-life Catholics, Pro-life Men, Pro-life Knights
Knights of Columbus pro-life activities are a vital way Knights roll up their sleeves and make a lasting impact. From placing ultrasound machines in clinics to helping people facing the end of life, our Pro-life stance inspires what we do and helps us heal broken communities.

Casey Women’s Club

Our October meeting was held on Oct 10th and had a lot of absentees. Our fundraiser flyer/forms of See's candies will be provided by Ruth Zirkle & Ruth Brophy as usual. Ruth Zirkle is recovering from surgery for a fractured femur, now at home after many weeks in rehab. Ruth Brophy is currently in rehab. Continue to pray for their restored health. Our Christmas meeting/party will be on Dec 12th. On October 9th we lost our long-time member Justine Rood. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want". Pray for her and her family.

Geri Owen
Vice President CWC

Happy November Birthdays!

- Joseph E Whibley 11-01
- Rev Anthony N Kinuthia 11-05
- Mark R Rios 11-08
- Josepha T Kasai 11-12
- John T Battaglia 11-16
- Alberto C Bueno 11-16
- Neil A Bingaman 11-19
- Julius F Ewen 11-21
- Leonard A Mastrofini 11-21
- Ernesto Gonzalez 11-22
- Andrew F Zaccardi 11-23
- John A Martin 11-24
- Philip H Sheridan 11-26
- Daniel C Amadi 11-30

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MAY THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS BE PRAISED AND HONORED BY ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND MAY IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RULE IN ALL OF OUR HEARTS UNTIL WE ATTAIN TO EVERLASTING LIFE! AMEN! ST. JOSEPH AND ST. DOMINIC, ORA PRO NOBIS!

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